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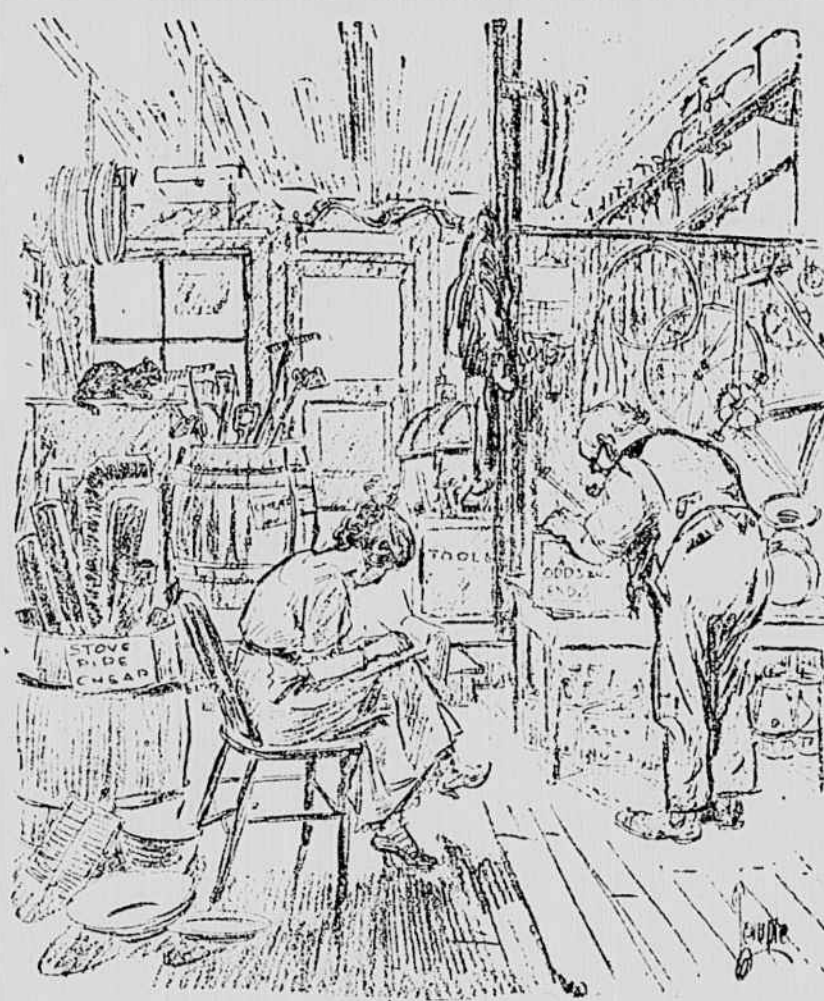
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"Taking Stock"

RICHMOND COUPLE HAS EXCITING VOYAGE OVER

Dr. Grove-Hagen and His Sister Aboard Steamer Halted by English Cruiser.

FIRE TWO SHOTS ACROSS BOW Reach Newport News on Mexican Line After Sixteen-Day Trip Across Atlantic—Tells of War's Effect Upon Neutral Countries in Europe.

Effects of the great international war now in progress on the neutral countries of Europe were described in an interesting manner yesterday by Dr. Matthew Grove-Hagen, of 20 East Main Street, who, with Miss Andrina Grove-Hagen, his sister, have just reached here from Newport News, where they landed on Sunday afternoon, following a sixteen-day trip across the Atlantic Ocean on the Norwegian-Mexican Gulf Line steamer Mexicana.

Dr. and Miss Grove-Hagen sailed from Christiania, Norway, on the morning of August 7, taking the upper route around the Shetland and Faroe Islands to Newfoundland, and down the coast to Newport News. Just east of the Faroe Islands the English cruiser Grafton fired two shots across the bow of the Mexicana, and after she halted a boat's crew boarded the liner and examined the sailing papers, and on finding them correct, permitted the vessel to continue on her way. Three other cruisers were within hailing distance at the time. Dr. Grove-Hagen took some excellent photographs of the war vessels and the boarding crew, which he is exhibiting to his friends.

NEUTRAL COUNTRIES KEENLY FELT EFFECT OF WAR Norway, Sweden and Denmark are feeling the effects of the war keenly, said Dr. Grove-Hagen yesterday. "Prices of foodstuffs and the ordinary necessities of life are everywhere already doubled in price, and the industrial activities have been paralyzed. "Breweries and distilleries have been forced to suspend operations, and their grain and corn has been turned over to the government for emergency purposes. Although the countries have declared their neutrality, the armies and navies have been mobilized to protect their neutrality. There is a spirit of war everywhere and great excitement prevails.

The government has ordered saloon, clubs and banks are holding tight to their money. Unless there is a speedy change there will be great suffering among the poor." IN GERMANY REPORT OF HOSTILITIES Dr. Grove-Hagen was in Europe three months, and was in Germany before the outbreak of hostilities. Hundreds of refugees from all nations were on the move, and everywhere the penniless ones were being fed and clothed by kind-hearted people. Travel between Norway and the neutral countries has been suspended, he said, but the trade between Norway and the United States is uninterrupted. Mail from the countries at war is always read before dispatch, and the news is censored with the same strictness as that coming here.

Dr. and Miss Grove-Hagen sailed on August 7. They stopped at Helsingor, at the north of Norway, and at Bergen, on the northeast coast. In both ports were large numbers of German vessels. All were keeping close to places of safety, and few were venturing out.

Other than the stoppage on the high seas, the Mexicana had an uneventful voyage, excepting a close run to Iceland, off the coast of Nova Scotia. A steamer on the same line was sunk two days before the Mexicana left port, having collided with a mine in the North Sea.

LOSING LIFE-LONG FRIEND Governor Stuart Called to Abandon by Death of C. W. Palmer. Because of the death of his life-long friend, C. W. Palmer, at Abingdon yesterday morning, Governor Henry C. Stuart has cancelled the engagement that called him to Ingleside today, where he was to have delivered an address to a meeting of farmers. Palmer's death yesterday was deeply sorrowful for the intimates because he was strong. He had been close friends with Governor Stuart since Stuart's father and the father of Mr. Palmer were partners in business. The Governor left yesterday afternoon for Abingdon to attend the funeral.

BOILERS IN CITY HALL CAUSE OF DIFFERENCES

Controversy Between Building Inspector and Insurance Company Before Board.

MAY CANCEL PRESENT POLICIES Butler Contends That Repairs Demanded Are Not Needed, and Administrators Place Matters in Hands of City Attorney for Report.

Difference between the Ocean Accident Guarantee Corporation and the Building Inspector, with regard to the condition of the boilers at the City Hall, which the company insists will be settled at an early date by the cancellation of the present policies and reinsurance with another company. The controversy was brought to the attention of the Administrative Board on August 13, when Building Inspector Butler submitted several communications from Byron Cummings, chief inspector of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Company, concerning the condition of boilers Nos. 2 and 3 in the City Hall, requiring the city to make certain repairs or emergency repairs at an estimated cost of \$1500.

With the communications from Mr. Cummings, the Building Inspector presented a report from S. P. Lambert, boiler inspector of the city, and a report from the Ohio Railway Company, who made an inspection of the boilers on August 7, indicating that the repairs were not needed. POLLARD TENDERS OPINION AT REQUEST OF BOARD The Administrative Board, asked City Attorney Pollard for an opinion as to whether the city's policy with the company required it to install the demanded repairs, and if failure to do so would cancel the policy. The City Attorney would be endangered if the repairs were not installed and supported the insurance company's contention. Mr. Pollard's opinion was submitted to the Building Inspector for a report and recommendation.

Building Inspector Butler replied yesterday with a statement, setting forth that the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation required certain repairs to boiler No. 3, limiting the pressure on this boiler to twenty pounds until the repairs are made. In his opinion, he said, and in the opinion of expert boiler inspectors, the insurance company's requests at this time are "unnecessary and unwarranted." He recommended that the policy with the company be cancelled and that the insurance be placed with "some reasonable and reliable company." Several companies, he said, would be glad to take the insurance at a pressure of ninety pounds.

The board referred the matter to the City Attorney, with the request that as soon as possible after the organization of the new Council next month, he lay it before the proper body, and advise the Administrative Board of the action taken. It is the board's opinion, the City Attorney was informed, that a new policy should be taken out immediately upon the cancellation of the old one. According to Mr. Butler, the boilers in question, upon the recommendation of the insurance company's inspector, were not more than a year ago repaired at a cost of about \$500. The recommendation of Mr. Cummings now calls for a removal of the patches put on last year, and their replacing by new and larger patches, at a cost of about \$1500 to the city. In the opinion of competent experts the repairs are not needed.

THREE ARCHITECTS MAY BE INELIGIBLE

Preliminaries for New Municipal Building Design Competition Again Held Up.

FAIL TO PAY STATE TAXES COMPETITORS MUST NOW

Delivery of Programs Will be Delayed Until Point at Issue Is Determined.

The progress of preliminaries for the new municipal building design competition has again been delayed, and it looks now as if another meeting of the special joint committee that has the matter in charge will be necessary before programs, which have been prepared, can be delivered to the competitors.

The difficulty arises from the fact that an examination of the list of architects whose applications for programs are in the hands of the committee, shows that at least three of the nineteen applicants have failed to pay their State taxes as architects, and are, according to a strict interpretation of the law, not qualified to compete.

In advertising the competition the committee, acting under a rule adopted at the first meeting, limited it to "established architects" of the city of Richmond. When the committee met for the second time, last week, the term "established architects" occasioned considerable discussion. The voters to admit to the competition all applying architects who are licensed to do business in the city, holding that if an architect is duly licensed he is established.

ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY With this point settled it was decided to mail programs, as soon as they could be prepared by Alfred C. Brown, the committee's advisor, to all applying architects who were licensed before 12 o'clock noon, August 15, when the time limit for filing applications expired. By express and are in charge of Clerk of Council Committee McDowell, who will distribute them to the eligible architects, as soon as their eligibility is definitely established.

The list of architects who applied was submitted by Mr. McDowell to Commissioner of the Revenue Trescow for a review, as to whether or not they were duly licensed. It is understood that Mr. Trescow has returned the list with a notation to the effect that while all had paid their city licenses, three or four were delinquent as to their State licenses.

The City Attorney has been consulted as to the committee's right, under its original rule, to limit the competition to established architects, and it is understood that in laying down this qualification the committee was acting with full authority. He has not, however, passed upon the point as to whether an architect is licensed if he has paid his city license, but not his State license.

MATTER AT STANDSTILL SETTLED As the matter stands Mr. McDowell is unwilling to take the responsibility of cutting off any architect through a strict interpretation of the term "established," and the matter will remain in status quo until the committee or some other body or person in authority shall decide the point at issue.

Several architects who are delinquent in the matter of their State taxes are among the best known in the city. It is regarded as regrettable that they did not possess the enterprise to remove this disability before the time limit expired. If they had paid their State licenses in time there would now be no question of eligibility and the programs would be in the hands of every applicant.

The new delay will probably mean a postponing of the date by which completed designs are to be submitted. The program has been down to the city requests for additional information must be mailed in Richmond not later than September 2. The delay in delivery of the program will cause this date to be advanced.

The special joint committee in charge of the municipal building, as it is now constituted, will dissolve with the present Council, which goes out of existence next Monday. Unless the committee meets before that day another meeting cannot take place until the new Council is organized, and a new committee appointed. The members of both bodies will reappoint the same men who are now members of the committee. Another Councilman, however, will have to be appointed to take the place of Morgan R. Mills, who retires with the present Council.

Watch and Pocket Stolen. C. C. Jones, 253 West Grace Street, yesterday reported to the police that his house had been entered through the front door and a watch, valued at \$15, and an antique pocket, valued at \$25, stolen.

Smith's Hearing Postponed. The case against E. H. Smith, charged with stealing \$62.40 from the City of Richmond, was postponed yesterday until September 2, by Police Justice Crutchfield in the Police Court.

Uses Teapot as Weapon. Benjamin Lee was yesterday fined \$25 and costs by Justice Crutchfield in the Police Court when arraigned on a charge of assaulting Pearl Lee with a teapot.

"Bills" Breeden Returns. Deputy Clerk William P. Breeden, of the Hustings Court, returned to his duties yesterday after a two weeks' vacation at Auburn, Orange County, the home of his brother, Edward Breeden.

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MAKING PREPARATIONS TO RECEIVE BANKERS

Committee of Local Men Hear of Rapid Progress Being Made.

A SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION At Meeting Held Yesterday Plans for Elaborate Entertainment During Week of Big Financial Convention in October Are Discussed.

Rapid progress is being made by the committee, which is planning for the reception and entertainment of the bankers, who are expected to represent practically every important city in the United States and Canada, who will come to Richmond in October to attend the sessions of the American Bankers' Association. At a meeting yesterday afternoon gratifying reports were submitted by members of the various subcommittees, composing the organization, and plans were generally discussed. Henry E. Litchfield, chairman of the committee, presided.

Newspapers, financial journals, magazines and other publications all over the country are heartily co-operating in an effort to make the Richmond convention a success, according to reports on the work being done by the publicity committee, of which Walter Holladay is chairman, and others, showing local scenes are being widely circulated. By this method Richmond's varied advantages are being thoroughly explained to the bankers, and the features of the different cities of the country who will read this literature may know just what to expect when they arrive in Richmond.

CO-OPERATION PROMISES BIG SUCCESS

George W. Rogers, chairman of the information and publicity committee, reported splendid progress by that organization. Railroads, transfers, telegraph and telephone companies, city officials, the police, and others, he said, are heartily co-operating with the committee, and every one seems determined to make the visit of the financiers a success.

The musical program, the decorations, electrical displays, and numerous other features which are being arranged for the gathering were thoroughly discussed. The committee is of the opinion that the gathering will be one of the most enjoyable features of the entire convention, and will be a boat trip down the James River to Jamestown Island. When the excursionists return to the city, a "Virginia dinner" will be served under an immense canvas tent. A brilliant reception and ball at the Blue Room, with the Governor of Virginia presiding, will be another big feature of the entertainment program. A golf tournament to last throughout the week at the Richmond and Country Clubs is also being arranged.

Frequent meetings of the administrative committee will be held from now on until the evening of the convention. Richmond business men are thoroughly awakened to the importance of the approaching convention, and are convinced that the gathering will be of inestimable value to local commerce and industry. Many of the best known financiers and promoters of the country will attend the gathering, and no pains or expenditure will be spared in planning for their entertainment. When the convention met at Boston, Mass., last year the Hub City spent approximately \$100,000 playing host, and Richmond is determined to do no less to make the event this year a success regardless of trouble or expense.

FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL WILL PREPARE ORDINANCE

Plan to Rigidly Enforce State Law Regarding Fire Escapes on Buildings.

In a report made yesterday by Commissioner of Labor James B. Doherty from Industrial Inspector J. Herbert Clinedinst, the State law bearing upon fire protection. Other cities and towns will follow the example set by the town of Franklin. It is believed. Where no action is taken by a town Council it is possible for the officials of the State Law Department to obtain a mandamus from the Judge of the Circuit Court compelling the adoption of the ordinance.

LABOR LAW VIOLATION

State Department Seizes Two Convictions in Norfolk County. Convictions in Norfolk County, the State Labor Department yesterday in two cases of violation of the State law concerning child labor. The Norfolk County, of Norfolk County, was found guilty of employing children under the minimum age, and a fine of \$25 was imposed.

The Anglo-American Baking Company, of Portsmouth, was found guilty of working children more than ten hours a day and fined \$5. The Roper Company case was tried before a Justice in Norfolk County, and the bakery case before the police magistrate of Portsmouth.

The evidence in these cases was secured by Industrial Inspector Clinedinst, who appeared in court against each of the accused concerns.

Robert Duff Pardoned. Governor Stuart yesterday granted a conditional pardon to Robert Duff, convicted of larceny from the person in Lynchburg, and sentenced to serve one year in prison. The application for executive clemency was endorsed by the trial judge and the Commonwealth's attorney.

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LOOKS FOR DECREASE IN PRICE OF CLOVER SEED

Henry W. Wood, Back From Europe Says English Are Going Ahead With Business.

REPORTS GOOD GRAIN CROP

This Year's Yields Abroad He Finds Exceptionally Good—War Conditions Have Delayed Shipment Government Now Allow Export

"English commercial concerns are going on as steadily as possible with business operations, but a spirit of intense patriotism prevails the entire country. This was the statement made by Henry W. Wood, member of the firm T. W. Wood & Sons, who has just returned from an extended business tour in Europe.

"Indications are that prices on certain clover seed will tend to decrease within a few days, I found," said Mr. Wood. "The grain crop in England is good this time," said Mr. Wood, "and just about the time I left England after the harvest there were harvesting the crops. The yields this year, as a whole, are exceptionally good. War conditions prevailing throughout Europe have necessarily necessitated the shipments," said the Richmond man, "but fortunately the greater part of the orders for seeds which were placed in English houses will be filled within a few days."

He explained that for a time the British government excluded the export of all foodstuffs, including seeds, but has now decided that, after a lengthy conference, government authorities decided that goods which had been ordered should be allowed to be shipped at once.

"Farmers in Europe are being somewhat hampered in their work because the government is now draughting horses to be used in the army," he said. In a Scotch village he visited, Mr. Wood said, an old horse that had served in the Boer War was drafted to go to the front once more. The soldiers came to muster the old animal into service again he refused stubbornly to rise, and the troopers were forced to give it up. The incident proved amusing to the many American tourists who witnessed the episode.

ALLEGED "MASHER" FLEES

Baltimore Salesman Fleeing Ball Bon After Than Face Trial.

Mark Danby, alias John Baker, a red-headed, 35-year-old man, was charged with being disorderly and with interfering with women, took flight before his case was called in the Police Court, and failed to respond when his name was called. His bond of \$100, which had been furnished by Lewis C. Grant, treasurer of the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 14 Park Avenue, was accordingly declared forfeited by Justice Crutchfield. Danby is said to have made an effort to have the case heard privately, failing, it is supposed that he feared the publicity. The young woman whom he allegedly had accosted on the street, was pointing him out to the officers, was in court to testify against him.

Danby claimed to be a traveling salesman of Baltimore.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETS IN JOINT SESSION TO-NIGHT COMPANY C PROMOTES LIEUTENANT HEWITT

Will Approve Minutes of Last Meeting, When Municipal Officers Were Elected.

NO OTHER BUSINESS PENDING

President Adams Announces That He Will Not Issue Another Call to Bring Aldermen Together—Discuss Employment Ordinance.

The Council will meet in joint session at 7:15 o'clock to-night to approve the minutes of the last joint session, which was devoted to the election of a large number of city officers. No other business will be before the body, and the meeting will last only a few minutes.

At 8 o'clock, following the meeting of the joint session, the Common Council will hold a short meeting to approve the minutes of the last session held by that body. No new business will be taken up.

Speculations on the possibility of another meeting of the Board of Aldermen for the purpose of concurring in several ordinances left on the desk, among them the one creating an employment bureau, were set at rest yesterday by the statement of President Adams that he would not call another meeting of the upper branch. A majority of the Board membership will be required to-night for the joint session, but it is regarded as extremely unlikely that the Aldermen will consent to suspend the rules and meet in special session to take up pending measures.

Councilmen discussed freely yesterday the untimely death of the employment bureau ordinance. Sentiment appears to have become marked against the creation of a new independent board to take charge of the proposed bureau, and if a new ordinance is introduced next month, the Council will probably take the position that the bureau should be placed under the direction of the Administrative Board. A motion to place it under the board, made in the Finance Committee when the ordinance was before it for consideration, was defeated by only one vote.

Friends Come to His Rescue. James C. Jones, the young attorney student who was in Police Court several days ago charged with attempting to defraud the Albert Hotel out of a board bill of \$113.25, was yesterday discharged from the City Jail after friends had made good the amount of the bill. He was remembered by the court following his hearing in the Police Court, at which he said he was financially unable to meet the demand made on him. It is said that a series of disastrous experiences brought him to the strange predicament in which he found himself at no time intended to defraud the hotel.

Officer in Blues' Battalion Succeeds Emmett W. Gates, Who Is Retired.

HIGGER GETS COMMISSION

Captain J. C. Bodow, of Ronoke, and Lieutenant R. A. Irby, of Emporia, Resign—G. M. Harrison Succeeds Captain Bauman.

Company C, Richmond Light Infantry Blues Battalion, has elected M. S. Hewitt, formerly second lieutenant, to be first lieutenant, to succeed Emmett W. Gates, who has been placed on the retired list at his own solicitation. The resignation of Lieutenant Gates was tendered immediately after the State encampment at Gordonsville in July. C. P. Bigger succeeds Lieutenant Hewitt as the junior company officer.

Among the resignations received recently by Adjutant-General W. W. Sale are those of Captain J. C. Bodow, Medical Corps, of Ronoke, and Lieutenant R. A. Irby, of Company M, Fourth Infantry, Emporia. The commission as captain of Company I, First Infantry, Frederickburg, has been given to G. M. Harrison, who succeeded Captain A. R. Bauman, resigned. Captain Harrison is a V. M. I. graduate, and was first lieutenant of the company.

Three members of the Richmond Blues head the list in the standing of officers of the State militia elected to take correspondence school courses in 1913 and 1914.

They are First Lieutenant M. F. James, Captain John A. Cutchins and Captain W. G. Fuller. Lieutenant James is given an average mark of 100 in map reading, and a final average of 99.1. Captain Fuller is credited with an average of 99.5 in map reading, 99 in map problems, and a final average of 99.1.

Captain Cutchins comes second with an average of 98.7 in map reading, 99 in map problems, and a final average of 99.1. Captain Fuller is credited with an average of 99.5 in map reading, 99 in map problems, and a final average of 99.1.

Paul F. Newell, sergeant in Company B, First Infantry, will attend the rifle tournament at Sea Girt, N. J., which is to start September 3. Brigadier-General Bird W. Spencer will be in command of the tournament.

Granted Leave of Absence. Captain J. C. Bodow, of Ronoke, has been granted a leave of absence for the remainder of the year. On behalf of the employees of the Richmond office, Deputy Superintendent E. H. Alison presented him with a handsome traveling bag. Mr. Bodow, who came to the local office in 1910, expects to be able to return to active work in a few months.